

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4271

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Commodity Boards

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to close down the commodity boards like the Rubber Board, the Spices Board, the Coffee Board, the Tea Board, etc. and if so the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has appointed any Committee or has entrusted any agency for the study regarding the viability of the commodity boards and if so, the details and the results thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to merge or integrate different commodity boards under one roof of administration and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to re-structure the existing administrative setup of commodity boards and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to appoint politically nominated chairmen for these commodity boards and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) to (c): No Madam. At present, there is no such proposal under consideration of the Department of Commerce.
- (d) & (e) : In the interest of effective and smooth functioning of the Commodity Boards viz. Coffee Board, Tobacco Board, Tea Board, Spices Board and Rubber Board, it has been found desirable to separate the positions of the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of the Boards. Rules in respect of Coffee Board, Tobacco Board, Tea Board and Rubber Board have been amended.
